

Government Operations Committee
Monday, August 19, 2019 @ 5:15 PM
City Council Chambers
Agenda

- 1) An Order authorizing the application of renewal funding for the City's Shelter Plus Care Program, under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 2) An Order authorizing the application for grant funds for the City's Shelter Plus Care Program, under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 3) An Order authorizing the application for Pew Charitable Grant Funds.
- 4) A Resolve to accept and appropriate funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Education Program in the amount of \$347,960.
- 5) A Resolve to accept and appropriate funds supporting the Substance Use Prevention Services Program in the amount of \$155,579.
- 6) A Resolve to accept and appropriate to support the Let's Go Healthy Eating and Active Living Program in the amount of \$86,670.
- 7) A Resolve to accept and appropriate funds to support the Tobacco Prevention Program in the amount of \$431,000.
- 8) Update on the work being completed through Bangor Livable Communities
- 9) Introduction of the new Homeless Outreach Coordinator and update on the Homeless Outreach Program.
- 10) Update on city owned property clean-up
- 11) Renewal of Agreement for use of City docks by Coast Guard ice breakers.



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

08/26/2019

Council Meeting Date: 08/26/2019

Item No:

Responsible Dept: Health & Community Services

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

Title, Order

Authorizing Bangor Public Health and Community Services to apply for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in support of the City's Shelter Plus Care program.

Summary

The City applies for renewal funding to continue several homeless programs under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care. The City's Shelter Plus Care program won initial funding from the federal government in 1993. The program is used to provide subsidized rents for qualified individuals and families with at least one member of the household having a primary diagnosis of mental illness, chronic substance use, or HIV related illness and receiving supportive services. The City currently has a 3 Shelter Plus Care contracts, all of which are being submitted for renewal.

Grant: TRA Consolidated 8715

-Operating year: 9/1/20 to 8/31/21

-Amount: \$439,522

-Number of apartments in grant agreement: 51 households: 10 1-bedroom apts., 41 Efficiency apartments

Grant: TRA 8716

-Operating year: 12/1/20 to 11/30/21

-Amount: \$133,087

-Number of apartments in grant agreement: 16 households: 16 Efficiency apartments

Grant: Consolidated 8714-A

-Operating year: 2/1/20 to 1/31/21

-Amount: \$388,305

-Number of apartments in grant agreement: 42 households: 21 1-bedroom apartments, 4 2-bedroom apartments (for families with children), 17 efficiency apartments

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Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Public Health and Community Services is authorized to apply for three grants, totaling \$960,914, to support the city's Shelter Plus Care Program.



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The City's Shelter Plus Care program won initial funding from the federal government in 1993. The program is used to provide subsidized rents for qualified individuals and families with at least one member of the the household having a primary diagnosis of mental illness, chronic substance use, or HIV related illness and receiving supportive services. The City currently has a 3 Shelter Plus Care contracts, all of which are being submitted for renewal. In addition to the renewal projects, the City is applying for a NEW project to help the growing problem of unsheltered homeless in our community. This grant, if approved, will be administered in accordance with the policies and procedures used by existing Shelter Plus Care projects. The proposed new project is as follows

Grant: TRA Consolidated 8725

-Operating year: 01/01/20 to 12/31/25

-Amount: \$351,648

-Number of apartments in grant agreement: 8 households: 8 efficiency apartments

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PH&CS department is seeking permission to apply for a Pew Charitable trust grant on behalf of CHLB in the amount of \$500,000 over two years. A letter of intent is due August 30, 2019; the competitive national grant will be awarded to 6 communities.

Summary

The grant will help us study the impact of regional efforts around low-barrier, rapid-access MAT (medication assisted treatment). The Pew Charitable Trust's Community Opioid Response and Evaluation program (CORE) advances the evaluation and adoption of best practices/innovations that address opioid use disorder at the community level.

Pew Charitable Trust is specifically interested in:

- identifying a wide array of diverse communities that are implementing innovative, multi-sectoral, equity-focused programs around the opioid epidemic;
- supporting the evaluation of community-based projects that span public health, social services, health care, behavioral health, justice, and other community-based sectors;
- and developing/curating evidence-based resources for communities that are responding to the opioid epidemic.

The Schmidt Institute, launched 8 months ago and housed at PCHC, will assist in grant writing and implementation.

This grant aligns well with the City's collaborative efforts to address the opioid epidemic and its focus on social determinants of health to reduce barriers to care and improve health equity for all populations.

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Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Public Health and Community Services is authorized to apply for the Pew Charitable trust grant to assist with studying the impact of regional efforts around low-barrier, rapid-access MAT (medication assisted treatment). Additionally to support the Pew Charitable Trust's Community Opioid Response and Evaluation program (CORE) advancing the evaluation and adoption of best practices/innovations that address opioid use disorder at the community level.



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

08/12/2019

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Item No:

Responsible Dept: Health & Community Services

Requested Action: Resolve

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Title, Resolve

Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$347,960 for the Supplemental Nutrition Education Grant Program from the University of New England for a One Year Period Beginning October 1, 2019.

Summary

This order authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$347,960 from the University of New England. FY20 is year two of a five-year grant to provide nutrition education to SNAP eligible residents of Penobscot and Piscataquis counties.

Bangor Public Health has been administering the SNAP education program locally since 2012.

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CITY OF BANGOR RESOLVE

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Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$155,579 for the Substance Use Preventiopn Services Grant Program from the University of New England for a One Year Period Beginning October 1, 2019.

Summary

This order authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$155,579 from the University of New England. FY20 is year four of a five-year Maine Prevention Services grant to provide youth substance use prevention to residents of Penobscot County.

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Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate \$155,579 in funding from the University of New England for the Substance Use Prevention Services Grant Program.



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Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$86,670 from MaineHealth for the Let's Go Healthy Eating and Active Living Grant for a One Year Period Beginning October 1, 2019.

Summary

This order authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$86,670 from MaineHealth. FY20 is year four of a five-year Maine Prevention Services grant to provide healthy eating and active living prevention services in Penobscot County.

The Let's Go Program works to implement policies and provide supports in schools, early childhood, healthcare and other youth-focused settings to improve nutrition and increase physical activity.

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Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$431,000 from MaineHealth for the Tobacco Prevention Grant for a One Year Period Beginning October 1, 2019.

Summary

This order authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$431,000 from MaineHealth. FY20 is year four of a five-year Maine Prevention Services grant to provide tobacco prevention services in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. This year four grant is a \$265,000 increase over the year three award amount as a result of additional funding being made available for tobacco prevention in Maine's biennial budget. It is anticipated that this increased level of funding will remain intact for the final, fifth year of this grant in FY21.

The Tobacco Prevention Program works to reduce youth tobacco initiation and exposure to secondhand smoke by implementing tobacco free policies in and providing supports to municipalities, schools, universities, work sites, multi-unit housing, hospitals and other settings.

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To: Government Operations Committee
From: Rindy Fogler, Community Services Manager
Date: August 14, 2019
RE: Homeless Outreach Project

The Homeless Outreach Project, funded by the City with support from the John T. Gorman Foundation, is finally underway. One Monday, August 5th, Torelin Jager began working as the City's Homeless Outreach Caseworker. Torelin was selected from a large pool of candidates and has significant experience working with adults experiencing mental health challenges, including those who are homeless. Her first week of employment was orientation to the City and the Public Health Department, delving into homelessness in Bangor, researching the Housing First model and how other communities are using it, etc. She also met extensively with Awa Conteh, our Shelter Plus Care Housing Specialist, and visited the Hope House and Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Her second week has focused on meeting with community partners who work with Bangor's homeless adults and families.

As you know, the problem of unsheltered homeless in Bangor is daunting. We intend to begin by working with the Police Department to identify those individuals who have been unsheltered for the longest period of time. Torelin will work with Sgt. Betters to visit encampments and engage with these individuals. She will thoroughly assess their barriers to housing and develop a housing plan. Simultaneously, she, Awa Conteh and I will work to identify landlords willing to rent to this high risk population. It is clear from our early conversations that this will be the most significant challenge we initially face. There is a severe shortage of rental housing in Bangor, so Torelin will also need to engage landlords with properties in surrounding communities.

This project is just getting off the ground, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on our work. I look forward to providing updates as we make progress toward moving those hardest to house off the streets and into permanent housing.



CITY OF BANGOR

Memo

To: Cathy Conlow, City Manager

CC: Rich Cromwell; Deb Cyr; Patty Hamilton; Rindy Folger; Tanya Emery

From: Jeff LaBree, Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator

Date: August 13, 2019

Re: City owned property clean up

On July 11th Sargent Betters and I drove to and inspected several vacant parcels owned by the City. These properties all have visible trash and debris left behind by the homeless. We encountered abandoned tents, clothing, paper, metal, furniture and discarded needles, among other things. Sgt. Betters identified these sites as active or recently abandoned. One site in particular was identified as hard to access for emergency personnel, this site is the "Pines".

The sites include:

1. Valley Avenue
2. The back of Mount Pleasant Cemetery along the Kenduskeag Stream
3. The area known as the "Pines" located behind the Hope House and including the adjacent park
4. Washington Plaza (under the overpass and heading towards Veazie, along with small amounts to the south of Damon's Redemption)
5. Griffin Road along the Kenduskeag Stream

I met with Howard Clouston on July 22nd at each of these sites and asked for an estimate for cleaning up the trash and a separate price on trimming back the smaller brush to open up some of the areas at each of the sites.

I met with Steve Smith, of Public Works and contacted Tony Caruso to see if either had any concerns with the City trimming the brush located at the "Pines" and both responded that they were fine with the plan.

Clouston's Trucking submitted a breakdown of the sites as follows (corresponding with the properties numbered above):

1. \$500.00
2. \$970.00
3. \$1,470.00 disposal / \$3,000 for trimming
4. \$650.00 disposal / \$850.00 for trimming
5. \$400.00

In all totaling \$7,840.

We have also asked Mr. Clouston to take care of an abandoned camper at 39 Nelson that has been on the site for years. This would be an additional \$800 bringing the total to \$8,640.

Prior to any cleanup Sgt. Betters and I will be visiting the sites, posting signs, and informing any persons occupying these sites that their personal belongings will not be removed, only the trash items are to be removed. For safety reasons, PD will not allow anyone be present at each site during the scheduled cleanup. Occupants may return after clean up is complete.

MEMORANDUM

To: Government Operations Committee
From: Norman S. Heitmann, III, City Solicitor
RE: Agreement for use of City Docks for Coast Guard ice breakers
Date: August 15, 2019

Since 2007 the City has leased space on the City docks for the use of the Coast Guard ice breakers during those times when the ice breakers are opening the Penobscot in and around the Bangor area. Each year the agreement has been amended for another year. The current agreement expires September 30, 2019. The Coast Guard has requested an amendment for another year (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020) with an option for ten annual renewals through September 30, 2029.

Staff recommends approval.